

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application and amendment are submitted to change the scope of the claims allowed in the present application.

By the present amendment independent claim 1 is amended to change the phrase "partial-isolation insulating film" to --isolation insulating film--. Further, a new dependent claim 21 is presented that further recites "said isolation insulating film is a partial-isolation insulating film".

The presently submitted claims are still believed to be allowable in view of the above-noted claimed amendments.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough further examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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